

# Western Connecticut COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



March 8, 2016

Esteemed Chairs Gomes and Tercyak,  
Esteemed members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

The Western Connecticut Council of Governments (WestCOG) **strongly supports HB 5377, An Act Concerning the Prevailing Wage.**

The failure to index the thresholds above which the prevailing wage applies to inflation has resulted in it being applied to projects for which it was never intended. As the prevailing wage is significantly higher than market rate, this has had the effect of substantially driving up costs to municipalities and to the state.

The bill before you will correct this unintended cost escalation by restoring reasonable thresholds to the prevailing wage. WestCOG **endorses the thresholds proposed in HB 5377.**

WestCOG urges you to support HB 5377 and work to ensure its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Francis R. Pickering  
Executive Director